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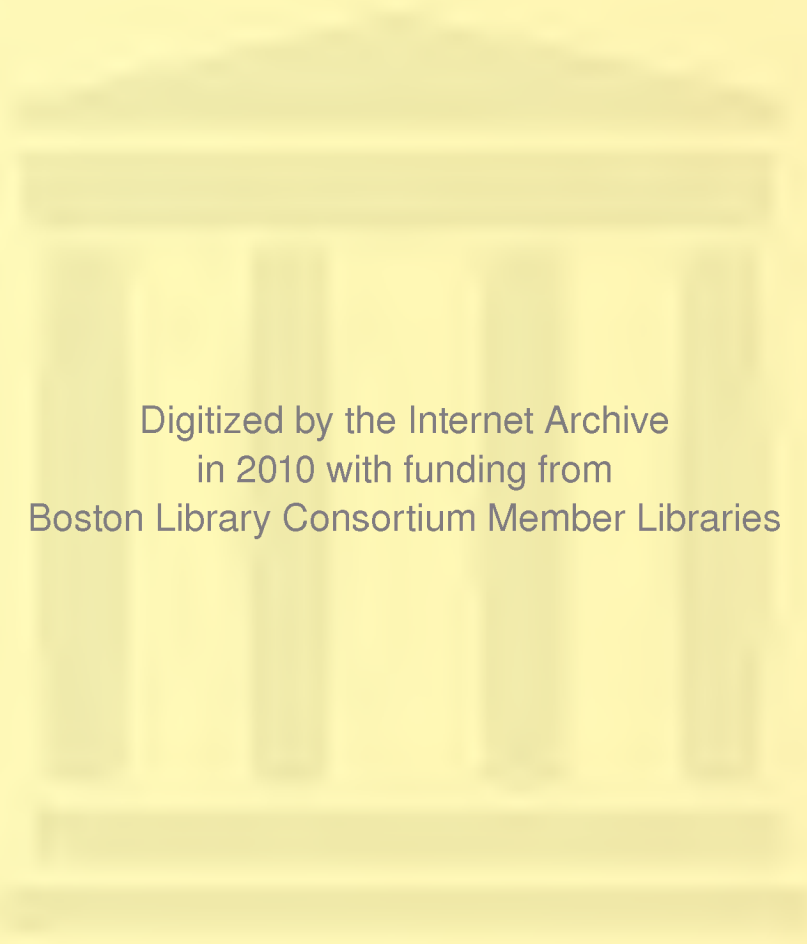
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# REPORT.

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The Selectmen charge themselves as follows :

State, County, Town and School taxes, 1869,	\$16,187.17
District No. 1, school-house tax,	155.76
District No. 3, high school tax,	516.10
District No. 10, school-house tax,	129.84
Dog tax, 1869,	160.00
Outstanding taxes, 1867-8,	67.75
Outstanding taxes, 1868-9,	4,097.39
Received of Stephen Kenrick, treasurer for 1868-9	1,606.17
Dog Tax, 1868-9,	95.00
Alexis Proctor, note given,	300.00
Lowell Scribner, note given,	250.00
Stickney & Co., railroad circus,	30.00
Samuel Benson, note given,	600.00
Stephen Kenrick, for town bonds,	1,500.00
Freaze, for old iron,	9.70
Walter Aiken, for old iron,	7.68
J. E. French, circus and caravan,	40.00
New-Hampton, for Nancy Wallace,	39.00
Jeremiah Thorn, for Anna Thorn,	10.00
Savings Bank tax,	339.39
Railroad tax,	2,766.80
Literary fund,	99.00
E. W. Thomas, for old plank,	5.00
Stephen Kenrick, bills paid and cash per error in abatements, 1867,	453.04
Merrimack Lodge, I. O. of O. F., for town bonds,	296.17 200.00
Merrimack Lodge, I. O. of O. F., for interest on coupons,	4.00
Lowell Scribner, on note due town, and interest,	74.63
Davis suit,	75.00
Eliza E. Benson, for town bonds,	2,300.00
Eliza E. Benson, for int. on coupons,	51.75

Received of E. G. Wallace, for town bond,	100.00
John K. Woodward, for shingles,	51.75
Walter Aiken, for shingles,	23.20
Titus V. Wadsworth, for hearse,	9.08
S. G. Pike, overseer poor farm, on settlement,	79.67
L. D. Stevens, shingles,	15.40
S. G. Pike, overseer poor farm,	12.00
J. H. Cilley, use of town hall,	23.50
Merrimack county, for county paupers,	331.01
Cash, interest on taxes, O. B. Davis,	70.18
Lowell Scribner, shingles town farm,	16.00
R. G. Burleigh, shingles,	63.80
Samuel Heath,	207.10

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\$33,172.86

Which is accounted for as follows :

*Outstanding Claims.*

Paid Reuben Darling, labor on highway,	1.83
School district No. 4,	10.52
A. K. Moore's bill,	9.86
Edwin C. Stone, storage of hearse,	36.00
John W. Simonds, services as town school committee,	7.00
Albert G. Morrison, damage by highway,	50.00
Frank N. Hancock, labor,	15.74
Hiram Shaw, balance due Bacon bridge,	10.00
Harvey N. Ingalls, damage to sheep, 1867,	2.94
John L. Kelley, breaking roads, 1867,	32.25
Stephen Kenrick, expense and services as selectman,	25.25
Eben Fellows, breaking roads,	1.00
Moor & Arey, abatement of taxes, 1868,	3.00
C. C. Kenrick, grading near Sanborn bridge,	33.00
John Collins, on Sanborn bridge,	10.00
N. H. Sanborn, for iron for railing, &c.,	75.97
C. H. Davis, labor on Sanborn hill and bridge,	42.50
A. F. Bailey, interest on note, due 1868,	12.00
Ira Bailey, services as auditor,	3.00
Charles H. Clark, services as auditor,	3.00
James Uniac, care of Mehagan child,	5.00
Stephen Kenrick, error in abatement of taxes,	12.19
E. G. Wallace, selectman,	8.00

Paid Gordon Burleigh,	8.00
Mrs. Susan Morse, abatement tax, 1867,	5.00
Mrs. Sally Proctor, abatement tax,	26.00
Joel Phelps, abatement tax,	2.25
Joseph B. Bland, care Daniels boy,	20.00
Alexis Proctor,	1.00
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	\$472.30

*Notes and Interest paid.*

Paid George W. Nesmith, trustee, dated Nov. 1, 1866,	\$1,344.20
Interest,	32.12
Joseph E. Scribner, dated Nov. 1, 1866,	500.00
Interest,	75.47
Ira Leighton, dated May 25, 1867,	400.00
Interest,	45.62
Hannah Rumsey, interest, as per receipt due in 1868,	83.10
I. S. B. West, indorsed on note,	199.20
Hannah Rumsey, interest per receipt,	40.34
Augustus F. Bailey, dated Sept. 29, 1864,	200.00
Interest,	11.74
Hiram S. Gordon, interest as per receipt,	71.40
Hiram S. Gordon, on Lydia W. Leavitt note, as per receipt,	90.00
Asa Morrison, dated March 12, 1866,	200.00
Interest,	47.17
Lowell Scribner, dated April 10, 1869,	250.00
Interest,	10.25
Samuel N. Dearborn, dated Sept. 8, 1866,	400.00
Interest,	84.57
Hiram S. Gordon, dated Sept. 26, 1865,	1,190.00
Interest,	17.85
Curtis Weeks, dated July 12, 1865,	1,000.00
Interest,	309.00
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	\$6,602.03

*Coupons paid.*

No. 5,	\$45.00
No. 6,	114.00
No. 7,	102.00
No. 8,	258.00
No. 9,	1,050.00
No. 10,	960.00
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	\$2,535.00



*Town Expenses.*

Paid Barnard & Sanborn, Davis & Frost suit,	\$67.87
Barnard & Sanborn, insurance bill,	35.37
B. W. Sanborn, books, &c.,	17.75
D. L. Guernsey, books, &c.,	5.84
Cheeney & Whitcomb,	.80
Frank N. Calley, printing,	1.00
Cha's Hill, printing,	.75
Seth Eastman, new weights and measure,	15.40
O. B. Davis, collecting taxes, 1867,	.34
Expense to Concord, to pay State tax,	2.00
Samuel Judkins, over-tax,	2.50
Town Clerk, Bristol,	1.00
Walter Aiken, repairing town clock,	5.00
J. M. B. Clement, repairing hearse,	1.50
Town Clerk, Sanbornton,	.50
Town Clerk, Derry,	.50
Stationery and postage,	5.80
Simeon R. Brown, water tub,	3.00
Dr. L. M. Knight, town poor,	25.00
Dr. S. B. Kelley, town poor,	25.00
John Ash, for Mary Ash,	27.00
O. B. Davis' bill,	14.58
Titus V. Wadsworth,	1.50
Richard Judkins, water tub,	3.00
Pike & Blodgett, Davis & Frost suit,	78.65
J. H. Cilley, care of Town Hall,	31.58
Daniel R. Woodward, services as Town Clerk,	40.00
A. K. Moore,	15.64
Gordon Burleigh, services as Selectman,	109.00
John W. Simonds, services as Selectman,	98.00
E. G. Wallace, services as Selectman,	120.00
E. G. Wallace, services as Treasurer,	40.00
O. B. Davis, collecting taxes,	157.22
O. B. Davis, board of Selectmen,	40.00
O. B. Davis, water-trough,	3.00
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	\$996.09

*Roads and Bridges.*

Paid N. H. Sanborn,	\$28.85
Thomas Ryan, paint, &c.,	2.38
Hiram Shaw, for culvert, District No. 2,	15.00
S. S. Hoyt, for culvert and Daniell bridge,	98.14



Paid Ezekiel Colby, land damages,	10.00
Jason Foss, for 669 feet culvert stone,	60.96
S. S. Hoyt, for 98 feet culvert,	75.00
C. C. Cross, District No. 26,	20.00
Wm. Holmes, labor,	1.00
John L. Kelley, breaking roads,	20.00
Elbridge Smith, labor District No. 2,	10.00
Jason Foss, 100 feet culvert stone,	6.00
Hiram Shaw, labor on Bacon road,	7.00
Geo. W. Beckman, painting bridge,	12.00
Warren F. Daniell, for concrete,	67.00
Hiram Shaw, breaking roads,	5.50
B. M. Prescott, lumber,	39.89
Titus H. Wadsworth, labor District No. 2,	5.03
Richard Judkins, moving stone,	2.00
Charles H. Clark,	4.50
John W. Simonds, services,	18.00
Lowell Scribner, lumber,	19.38

\$527.60

*Expenses incurred by Freshet.*

Paid Benjamin Tucker, District No. 7,	77.88
J. C. Connor, labor, " " "	28.12
Hiram Colby, labor, " " "	16.00
Calvin T. Call, labor, " " "	8.00
Benjamin S. Colby, District No. 21,	33.43
Hiram A. Francis, Shaw, " " 1,	85.00
Horace P. Eaton, labor, " " 11,	30.50
A. G. Morrison, " " " 15,	115.77
J. T. Wadleigh, " " " 17,	25.00
J. L. Kelley, " " " 25,	96.00
M. Lock, " " " 1,	9.74
J. Lyon, " " " 1,	8.47
V. Sargent, " " " 1,	9.75
B. F. Wells, " " " 1,	11.55
M. S. Morse, " " " 1,	7.87
A. Morrill, " " " 1,	7.53
Joseph Morrill, " " " 1,	.75
David Stevens, " " " 1,	8.45
S. M. Westgate, " " " 1,	9.00
G. B. Mathews, " " " 1,	7.20
G. Burleigh, " " " 1,	34.91
L. D. Stevens, " " " 1,	19.52
E. G. Wallace, services,	20.00

\$670.44

*New Road.*

Paid expense hearing petitioners,	\$10.00
Sarah Tandy, land damage,	40.00
Samuel Bacon, land damage,	40.00
Rufus T. Tay, land damage,	20.00
Hiram Shaw, land damage,	100.00
T. D. Little, surveying,	5.75
Hiram Shaw, building section,	304.00
John C. Smith, building section,	150.00
Francis Shaw, stone work,	95.00
J. W. Simonds, cash paid,	5.00
Gordon Burleigh, services,	23.00
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	\$792.75

*Repairs on Republican Bridge.*

Paid Expense to Lowell, for shingle,	\$5.00
H. and A. Whitney, for 80 M. cedar shingles,	446.00
Geo. Frost, moving shingle from depot,	6.00
Jonathan Scribner, labor on bridge,	165.00
Joseph L. Thompson, for clapboards,	4.85
Wm. P. Thompson, for plank,	83.00
John Collins, labor,	10.00
Hiram Fifield, labor,	11.00
E. L. Wallace, labor,	4.00
D. W. Pike, labor,	7.50
David Gilchrist & Co.,	5.22
Hiram Fifield, care of bridge,	37.42
E. G. Wallace, cash paid labor, Daniell Bridge,	21.00
L. Richardson & Co., materials,	17.64
E. G. Wallace, labor,	10.00
J. H. Rowell,	.55
Barnard A. Sanborn, insurance,	40.00
Samuel Heath, stone work,	12.50
Burleigh Bro's, materials,	12.95
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	\$899.63

*County Paupers.*

Paid L. Richardson & Co., for John B. Clay,	\$11.81
“ “ Jonathan M. Frost,	3.50
“ “ David Stevens,	2.77
“ “ Mrs. Houghton,	4.20
N. O. Burleigh, for Comfort Taylor,	52.00
Horace S. Judkins, for Amos Floyd,	39.00

Paid Dr. L. M. Knight, for Huse Austin,	6.75
"                    " John B. Clay,	15.94
"                    "                    "	3.00
"                    " Mrs. John B. Clay,	28.50
"                    " Mrs. David Stevens,	56.26
S. B. Kelley, for Huse Austin,	6.75
"                    " John Wallace,	11.25
"                    " John B. Smith,	6.75
"                    " son of John B. Smith,	25.12
"                    " Mrs. Barribie,	12.75
"                    " Mrs. Ingalls,	6.18
H. K. Thompson, for three coffins,	17.25
D. D. Geyer, medicines,	13.88
Geo. C. Proctor, medicines,	1.75
H. W. Brockway, medicines,	8.51
Benjamin F. Wells, digging grave for Mrs. Stevens,	2.00
Francis Shaw,                                    Mrs. Frost,	3.50
Sargent Bennett, for Austin child,	4.11
expense at funeral of Austin child,	1.50
J. E. Scribner, for John B. Smith.	7.00
Amos Floyd,	1.00
Transient paupers,	20.55
O. B. Davis, transient pauper,	2.75

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\$373.09

*Incidental Expenses.*

Paid Henry H. Davis, damages to horse and carts,	250.00
S. B. Kelley, damages on Mill road,	26.00
I. W. Sulloway,	98.60
Town of Salisbury,	55.00
E. R. Heath, damage on Mill road,	6.00
Pamphlet School Laws,	3.50
Various items,	5.29
Expense Salisbury line,	7.00
L. Richardson & Co.,	1.53
Selectmen's expenses, pauper cases, &c.,	12.00

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\$464.92

*External Poor.*

Paid Isaac Bacon, for Henry Bacon,	10.00
Samuel Bacon,	10.00
C. H. Bacon,	20.00

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\$40.00

*Insane Asylum.*

Paid for E. E. Merrill,	216.52
for Anna Thorn,	206.43
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	\$422.95

*State and County Tax.*

Paid State tax,	4,830.00
County Treasurer,	2,076.58
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	\$6,906.58

*State Reform School.*

Paid for Wm. Blackburn,	17.50
for Ambrosia Keyzer,	19.56
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	\$37.06

*Town Farm.*

Paid D. Gilchrist & Co., merchandise,	37.70
L. Richardson & Co., “	36.14
Burleigh Bros., “	18.29
S. G. Pike, sundries,	77.63
S. G. Pike, overseer Poor Farm,	200.00
L. Scribner, saw bill,	9.64
Gilmanton Insurance Co. assessment,	7.80
“ “ new policy,	21.25
Overseer, cash advanced, cow, shote, &c.,	100.00
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	\$508.45

*Fire Department.*

Paid A. M. Stewart, for oiling hose,	7.00
Geo. W. Thompson, for wood,	7.75
D. K. Woodward, labor,	2.45
Pay-roll, Engine Co. No. 1,	132.71
Geo. W. Thompson, Steward No. 1,	10.00
John K. Woodward, for wood, “	2.00
L. D. Davenport, for straps “	1.50
C. F. Hill, printing,	1.75
Pay-roll Engine Co. No. 3,	191.50
Daniel Kidder, steward, No. 3,	10.00
Page Bros., for packing “	1.37
Walter Aiken, repairs No. 3,	24.03
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	\$392.06

*Engine House, No. 1.*

Paid Alonzo Messer, for land,	475.75
Samuel Heath, stone work,	194.60
J. K. Woodward, building house,	967.80
Nashua Lock Co.,	10.70
D. W. Pike, labor, grading,	2.50
E. L. Wallace, “	4.00
John K. Woodward, extra work,	5.08
A. D. Tuttle, labor,	3.00
D. K. Woodward, painting hall,	15.00
Wm. G. Hancock, lumber,	1.50
G. Colby, printing,	1.33
L. Richardson & Co.,	3.31
John H. Rowell,	5.55
E. G. Wallace, services,	15.00
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	\$1,705.12

*Reservoirs.*

Paid Stephen Kenrick, committee on reservoirs,	\$1,200.00
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*School Money.*

Paid School District No. 1,	\$208.92
School District No. 2,	110.88
School District No. 3,	756.01
School District No. 4,	130.00
School District No. 5,	125.00
School District No. 6,	104.34
School District No. 7,	20.00
School District No. 8,	108.68
School District No. 9,	68.00
School District No. 10,	886.80
School District No. 11,	108.62
School District No. 12,	71.78
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	\$2,699.03
School house tax, District No. 1,	\$150.00
High school tax, District No. 3,	500.00
School house tax, District No. 10,	125.00
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	\$775.00

*Town Superintending School Committee.*

Paid John W. Simonds,	\$36.75
Alexis Proctor,	10.00
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	\$46.75



Abatement of taxes, 1867,	33.88
Abatement of taxes, 1868,	161.80
Abatement of taxes, 1869,	370.11
Abatement dog tax, 1868,	8.00
Abatement dog tax, 1869,	18.00

*Statement of Dog Fund.*

Dog tax, 1868,	\$95.00	
Abatements for 1868,	3.00	
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		\$92.00
Paid A. D. Davenport, damage to sheep,	\$1.89	
Geo. W. Wilson,	" 1.89	
John W. Fifield,	" 5.67	
Harvey N. Ingalls,	" 5.06	
David Gilchrist,	" 12.60	
John W. Simonds,	" 1.89	
N. M. Colby,	" 1.89	
Uriel Rollins,	" 11.34	
Wm. Twombly,	" 9.45	
Rufus T. Tay,	" 15.75	
Ira Greeley,	" 7.56	
Wm. B. Wadsworth,	" 13.23	
A. S. Nesmith,	" 3.78	
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		\$92.00

*Recapitulation.*

Whole amount of cash received,	\$33,172.86
Which is accounted for as follows :	
Paid outstanding claims,	\$472.30
Notes and interest,	6602.03
Town expenses,	2661.01
Roads and bridges,	2030.79
Repairs on Republican bridge,	858.63
County paupers,	373.09
External poor,	40.00
Insane Asylum,	422.95
State treasurer, for State tax,	4830.00
County treasurer, for county tax,	2076.58
Town farm,	508.45
Fire department,	392.06
Engine house, No. 1,	1705.13
State Reform School,	37.06
School money,	2699.08



Paid Superintending school committee,	46.75	
Abatement of taxes, 1867,	33.88	
Abatement of taxes, 1868,	161.80	
Abatement of taxes, 1869,	370.11	
Outstanding taxes, 1868,	615.59	
Outstanding taxes, 1869,	1554.36	
Special school taxes,	775.00	
Abatement of dog tax, 1868,	8.00	
Abatement of dog tax, 1869,	18.00	
Dog tax, 1868, paid March 1, 1869,	92.00	
Abatement dog tax, 1868,	3.00	
Coupons paid,	2535.00	
Cash in treasury, March 1, 1870,	1250.21	
	<hr/>	\$33,522.86

*Notes Outstanding, dated 1863-4.*

Jonathan Leavitt estate,	\$1,500.00	
Interest, estimated,	40.00	
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*Notes dated 1864-5.*

Samuel D. Morrison estate,	\$200.00	
Samuel Judkins,	200.00	
Simeon C. Brown,	400.00	
Henry Burleigh,	400.00	
Polly W. Eaton,	300.00	
Sarah Smith,	550.00	
John Collins,	200.00	
I. S. B. West, two notes,	\$1,150.00	
indorsed, Aug. 28, 1869,	199.20	950.80
Meridian Lodge, No. 60, three notes,	700.00	
Interest, estimated,	900.00	
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*Notes dated 1865-6.*

John W. Richardson,	\$116.00	
Meridian Lodge, No. 60,	100.00	
Lydia J. Morrison, *	100.00	
J. L. Robinson,	400.00	
Elijah Whittier,	800.00	
indorsed Jan. 1, 1869,	500.00	300.00
Mary J. Sanborn,	150.00	
Polly W. Eaton,	300.00	
Interest, estimated,	450.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,916.00

*Notes dated 1866-7.*

Lydia J. Morrison,	\$500.00	
Polly W. Eaton,	200.00	
Polly W. Eaton,	150.00	
Hannah Rumsey,	672.45	
Hannah F. Hanscomb,	100.00	
Hannah S. Gordon,	100.00	
Jonathan Taylor,	102.00	
Interest estimated,	350.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,174.45

*Notes dated 1867-8.*

Abby Davis,	\$500.00	
Seth S. Thompson,	100.00	
Moses Fuller,	325.00	
Olive Hutchins,	150.00	
John H. Rowell,	1,000.00	
Interest, estimated,	250.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,325.00

*Notes dated 1868-9.*

John W. Richardson,	\$855.00	
Alexis Proctor,	300.00	
Samuel Benson,	600.00	
Interest, estimated,	45.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,800.00

Whole amount of notes and interest,	<hr/>	\$14,555.45
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*Assets due the Town.*

Outstanding taxes, 1868,	615.59	
Outstanding taxes, 1869,	1,554.36	
Due from U. S. bounties, 1863,	1,440.00	
Bank tax, 1867,	181.50	
Bank tax, 1868,	359.75	
Due Merrimack County, David Stevens,	77.79	
Due Merrimack County, J. M. Frost,	32.25	
Samuel Heath note,	52.90	
Joseph M. Fellows,	100.00	
A. M. Stewart, shingles,	42.05	
	<hr/>	\$4,456.19

Total amount of notes and interest,	14,555.45
Amount of bonds sold to March 1, 1867,	16,300.00
Amount of bonds sold to March 1, 1868,	16,100.00
Amount of bonds sold to March 1, 1869,	3,500.00
Amount of bonds sold to March 1, 1870,	4,100.00
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Total amount notes, interest, and bonds,	\$54,555.45
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Old Engine House,	200.00
Amount due the town,	4,456.19
Cash in the treasury,	1,250.21
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Amount due the town,	\$6,006.40
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Total indebtedness of town, March 1, 1870,	\$48,549.05

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EPHRAIM G. WALLACE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
GORDON BURLEIGH,	
JOHN W. SIMONDS,	
	<i>of</i>
	} <i>Franklin.</i>

*Statement of Poor Farm.*

Inventory, 1869,	768.86
Cash paid S. G. Pike, sundries,	77.63
Insurance assessment,	7.80
New policy,	21.25
Paid merchandise,	92.13
saw bill,	9.64
salary of overseer,	200.00
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	\$1,177.31
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Inventory, Feb. 22, 1870,	837.59
Cash rec'd S. G. Pike, articles sold,	79.67
New policy,	20.00
Merrimack County, for paupers,	54.25
Shingles sold,	16.00
Cash rec'd, labor of overseer,	110.00
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	\$1,117.51

*Inmates of Alms-House.*

Hattie Daniels, 44 weeks, 11 years old.

Perry Daniels, 50 weeks, 9 years old.

Lydia Sanborn, 5 weeks.

Ambrosia Kezar, 1 week.

Transient paupers, 6 weeks.

Charles W. Simpson, 2 weeks.

*Auditor's Certificate.*

The auditors of accounts for the town of Franklin, for the year ending March 1, 1870, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

IRA GREELEY,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
CHA'S H. CLARKE,		
NATH'L M. COLBY,		

REPORT  
OF  
TOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF FRANKLIN.





REPORT  
OF  
THE TOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF FRANKLIN,  
FOR THE YEAR 1869-70.

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The School Committee of the Town of Franklin submit their REPORT, as prescribed by law, for the year ending March 1, 1870.

Amount of money, raised by taxation, appropriated from the Railroad tax and Literary Fund,	\$2,699.03
Dist. No. 3, special tax High School,	500.00
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Whole amount expended for Schools,	3,199.03

Whole number of scholars attending school two weeks or more, during the year, has been 554 ; of whom 288 were males and 266 females. Seventy-three children have been reported, between the ages of 4 and 14, as not attending school two weeks during the year. Of persons between the ages of 14 and 21 that cannot read and write, no report.

Districts No. 1, 3 and 10 have committees of their own, whose reports are incorporated in their appropriate places. Mr. Proctor has had the especial care of Dist. No. 8 and Dist. No. 9. The schools in the other districts have been under the care of Mr. Simonds.

The full and carefully prepared Statistical Table, accompanying this Report, contains a detailed account of the schools by districts, which can be examined for further particulars.

## TEACHERS.

Our Public Schools for the past year have been under the instruction of female teachers, with the exception of the winter term in No. 2, the two terms of the High School in No. 3, and the Advanced Department in No. 10, where male teachers have been employed.

The appropriations for schools the past year have been liberal, and, considering the purpose of this outlay, it is a matter of the greatest importance that these sums be judiciously and economically expended. The employment and continuance in school of an incompetent teacher is equivalent to a waste of that school money.

It is believed that too many persons try school-keeping, having temperaments unfitting them for that vocation. They feel no interest, manifest no energy, and eventually fail. Other persons enter upon the work, without suitable preparatory instruction. Our academics are greatly at fault in this, that they do not furnish their students normal instruction. Only a small portion of those teaching avail themselves of the advantages of the instructions of the County Teachers' Institute. These schools of practical instruction are held for the especial benefit of teachers, and they should not fail to be present. Teachers are paid for their entire time. It is expected they will feel a pride in advancing the standard of common education, will possess a deep interest in the work, and labor with energy and indefatigable industry, in the full discharge of their public service.

*Condition of the Schools.* Quiet has prevailed in our schools the past year, and a fair degree of success has been the result of the expenditures and exertions in their behalf. The schools in each district have been as fully and regularly attended as during previous years. It is an encouraging symptom that parents have manifested an increased interest. Our schools are well supplied with text-books. Several districts possess outline maps. Those districts not having these maps are advised to purchase them for the use of their schools. The expense is small. The condition of our schools will admit of still further degrees of improvement. This can be accomplished by wise and persistent action, on the part of school committees, and by the regular employment of good teachers, by prudential committees. The time has evidently come when school committees should advance the standard of qualifications for those proposing to teach, and, in cases of unsatisfactory success, dismiss the incompetent teacher as readily as the overseer would an unskillful operative.

The Town Committee disapprove of the growing custom of reducing the length of the school week to five days. Prudential commit-

tees should insist upon five and one half days for each school week, or pay accordingly.

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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE, DISTRICT No. 1.

*District No. 1.* The summer school of 13 weeks was taught by Miss Nellie F. Ladd. Whole number of scholars 17; average attendance,  $12\frac{1}{2}$ . This was a quiet, well conducted school.

Winter term, of 13 weeks, was taught by Miss Kate C. Thompson. Whole number of scholars, 33; average attendance, 27. At the close of this school the committee were pleased with the confidence of the scholars in the correctness of their prompt answers. Miss Thompson has sustained the reputation accorded her, wherever she has taught, of a good teacher and a thorough disciplinarian.

GORDON BURLEIGH, } *Committee*  
JOSEPH SWEAT, } *for*  
FRANK N. HANCOCK, } *District No. 1.*

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*District No. 2.* The Teacher of the summer term reports that "Addie Shaw and Ida Shaw were neither absent nor tardy." These two girls and John C. Bruce "were not absent one half day during the winter term." This term of school was pleasantly governed, well taught, and presented good evidences of improvement.

The winter term was under the management of a young man having good literary qualifications, but without experience in the art of school-keeping. The register shows a good average attendance, with but few tardy-marks. The Committee were prevented from visiting this school at its close. The teacher says, the "school went on nicely for the first six weeks, with good progress, but the last two weeks things got rather mixed up."

The Town Committee have been desirous of seeing a greater interest manifested by the citizens for their school. It is a fact two parents did visit the school the past year. Parents, your apportionment of the town's money is liberal. It is your sacred duty to cheerfully and unanimously unite your efforts for your greatest common good, your district school; to send your children to that school, and to visit it. Teacher summer, Miss C. Augusta Arey; winter, Mr. Omer A. Towne.



## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE, DISTRICT No. 3.

In dividing the duties of the Committee, the Primary School was assigned to the care of Mr. Rowell, the Intermediate School to Messrs. Pike and Stone, and the High School to Messrs. Barnard and Savage ; and they make report as follows :

*Primary School.* There have been three terms of this school, of 12, 7 and 9 weeks, continuance, all kept by Miss M. A. Knowles. The whole number of scholars during the summer term was 53, with an average attendance of 45.; fall term 55, with an average of 48 ; winter term, 50, with an average of 37 ; the latter average having been reduced by prevailing sickness.

This large school of little ones has been well managed during these terms, by the teacher in charge. As she has become more acquainted with it, and got it more in hand, a mutual adaptation between the one and the other has been developed, which has been attended with increasingly beneficial results. The cases of tardiness reported, however, are far too numerous ; and, while the Committee are gratified at the increased number of visits made to the school by parents and friends, they feel that there is need of still greater care on the part of parents to secure the punctual attendance of the children, every half-day at school. This is a very interesting and important school, and it has been conducted with success.

*Intermediate School.* This has been under the instruction of the former teacher of this department, Miss Annie M. Osgood, who has had her usual success, and has fully sustained her most excellent reputation as a teacher. The discipline of this school is very good and its advancement high. It is a good illustration of the benefits resulting to scholars from continuing the services from year to year of a good teacher. The advantage is so great that it amounts to a positive blessing to scholars, parents, and all who need or feel the influence of popular education.

The registers not having been returned to the committee, they are unable to give the details of the school. From the statements made at the examinations at the close of the terms, the committee find that these had been few tardinesses or absences not caused by sickness ; that there had been great punctuality, and that most of the scholars by their regular attendance have put themselves on the "roll of honor."

Length of summer term, twelve weeks ; fall and winter, sixteen.

*High School.* There have been two terms of this school, of twelve weeks each, both of them kept by Mr. C. E. Harrington. The whole

number of scholars in attendance during the fall term was 41, with an average attendance of 32. Whole number in winter 33, with an average of 27½. The number in attendance from the district was, in fall, 31, and in winter 24.

This school has long labored under the disadvantage, not shared by the primary and intermediate departments, of admitting scholars from abroad on payment of tuition. This interferes with the orderly classification of the school and requires the multiplication of recitations to a degree beyond the ability of a single teacher to hear to advantage. Under these circumstances, it is devolved on the Committee, in the exercise of their judgment, among existing evils, to choose the least, and to manage the school in such way as to secure the best possible results. They have thought it better to reduce the classes to a number within the capacity of the teacher to manage, rather than have them so numerous that he could do justice to none. What they have done in this regard may not have been satisfactory to all, but it was necessary for the Committee to consult for the greatest good of all.

Mr. Farrington is approved by the Committee as an earnest, thorough and energetic teacher, sincerely devoted to the welfare of the school. That he has been quick and summary in some of his methods of government, may be true. Some of these may or may not have been for the best; but of them he is the proper judge till decided on by the superior authority. Unfortunately, some parents, without visiting the school, were influenced to entertain unfavorable views of its management. These views, of course, speedily reached the scholars and served to lower the tone and impair the efficiency of the school. This has added weight to the teacher's labors, and embarrassed his efforts; and this state of things has existed, with rising and ebbing tide, throughout the two terms. That the results of the school have been largely and predominantly good, we believe; but the want of coöperation has prevented the full measure of success for which the Committee hoped. In view of the great importance of the interests involved to the children, and to society at large, we trust there will be a full return to the harmonious support of the High School, which has been accorded alike by parents, scholars and citizens of the District, for many years past.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. SAVAGE,  
DANIEL BARNARD,  
JOHN H. ROWELL,  
EDWIN C. STONE,  
AUSTIN F. PIKE.

Franklin, March 1, 1870.

*District No. 4.* Summer term, Miss Emma E. Durrell teacher. This was a profitable term of school, governed by pleasant means, and thoroughly taught. The teacher was liberal in her efforts, clear and intelligible in her explanations ; agreeable in manners ; hence, she at once gained her scholars' good will, and thus was well prepared to instruct them. In her report she says, "good health, favorable weather, and seventeen as good scholars as ever a teacher was blest with, have been my portion. The parents have manifested an unusual interest in our school." This will long be remembered by pupils and parents as an excellent term of school.

Winter term, Miss Lucy A. Connor teacher. This school was not a success, as compared with any school in this district the past six years. This partial failure must be shared between the district and teacher. The teacher's practical knowledge of her business was limited, her explanations obscure ; still, she labored with diligence. The parents were indifferent, neither encouraging nor aiding the teacher. Fortunately, affairs quieted down, and the last half of the term was of value.

*District No. 5.* An experienced and successful teacher, Miss Martha A. Colby, had charge of this summer term of school. This district has become greatly reduced in number of scholars, being the smallest in town, with one exception. The management and instruction of the school was entirely satisfactory ; alike creditable to teacher and scholars.

Winter term, Miss Mary L. Parker instructor. This teacher has had a long and successful experience in her business. She well understands her duty, and well performs it. The scholars attended to their studies diligently. The teacher pursued a systematic and thorough course of instructions, and, in connection with each lesson, communicated much general information by way of explanation or illustration. Good improvement was made by all the scholars in the studies pursued.

*District No. 6.* Miss Emma Westgate had charge of this school summer term. This was an interesting and prosperous school. Miss Westgate possesses many of those natural good qualities of mind so essential to a first class teacher. Her government was good, her instructions clear and thorough. Good progress was made by the classes in their several studies. A room full of visitors were present at the examination.

Miss Nellie M. Edmunds was the teacher winter term. This was also a good school, well managed. Miss Edmunds is an active and energetic teacher.



This school has been steadily advancing in worth the past few years. With a single exception during that time it has had good teachers. The parents and citizens have felt and shown a good interest in behalf of their school; have frequently visited it, and have all cheerfully given their influence for its success. In this generous course of action they merit and receive commendation. Their reward consists in an orderly and prosperous school.

*District No. 7.* There has been one term of school in this district the past year. It has no school-house. Three families constitute the district. The children were young and never at school before. The teacher devoted her time and skill to the instruction of her scholars, and it was really surprising to witness how much she succeeded in teaching them in one short term. Miss Mary L. Parker teacher.

*District No. 8.* Summer term taught by Miss Mary E. Taylor. This was her second term as teacher in this school, and we are happy to say that her previous excellent reputation as a teacher did not suffer here.

The exercises at the closing examination were very creditable to both scholars and teacher. Not a single class made an unsatisfactory appearance, while the reading and arithmetic classes could hardly be surpassed in point of excellence.

Six scholars—Josie V. Kimball, Ellen S. Morrison, Hattie Hancock, Nellie F. Gage, Mary J. Wardsworth and Mahala Bachelder—completed the Common School Arithmetic during this term.

It is a matter of regret that so successful a teacher as Miss T. should feel called upon to leave the profession; but it frequently happens that a *single man* will succeed in enticing away some of our most efficient teachers, even after they have resisted the entreaties of a whole district in some other town. Custom and law allow it, and we must submit.

*Winter Term.* Miss G. B. Perley Teacher. The exercises and recitations at the closing examination gave evidence of faithfulness on the part of the teacher and studiousness on the part of the scholars. Miss P. is a thorough scholar, a kind and faithful teacher. Nearly all the pupils have the mark of special commendation in the register kept by the teacher. One scholar, Orville B. Bachelder, during this term finished Greenleaf's Algebra.

It is hoped this district may be as fortunate in the future, in securing good teachers, as it has been in the past.

*District No. 9.* Fall term: taught by Miss Emily M. Westgate. This was her first term here; although she has been employed in other

districts of the town with satisfactory results; and we are glad to say that her labors in this school were crowned with success. The final examination passed off to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE, DISTRICT No. 10.

*District No. 10. Primary Department.* There were two terms of this school during the summer and fall months. The accommodations for this school—composed of children nearly all under seven years of age—were not adapted to the wants of such small children; and from the commencement the committee did not expect much to be accomplished. Both terms were taught by Miss Hattie C. Hall, and her management of the school was such that the Committee at the close of the school were satisfied that she had accomplished all that could be expected under the circumstances. She labored faithfully in the discharge of her duties, and with commendable success. Length of spring term, 7 weeks; whole number of scholars, 41; average attendance, 32; Length of fall term, 11 weeks; average attendance, 36; whole number of different scholars attending during the term, 47.

*Intermediate Department.*—This department was under the charge of Miss Mary L. Moors, of Concord, whose qualifications and experience well fit her for a teacher. The discipline of the school was excellent, and the instruction imparted thorough.

The committee have had occasion in former reports to speak in terms of commendation of this school, and we are happy to say that it has, through the past year, maintained its high reputation. The latter part of the winter term was considerably interrupted by the prevalence of the measles among the scholars, which accounts for the low average attendance of the term. Length of spring term, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 47; average attendance, 41; length of fall term, 10½ weeks; whole number of scholars, 46; average attendance, 42; length of winter term, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 61; average attendance, 42.

*Advanced Department.*—The Spring Term of this department was taught by Miss Georgie Perley, who failed to secure good order; consequently we are not able to report the school for this term a complete success. Length of term, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 51; average attendance, 45.

*Fall Term.*—Taught by Miss D. E. E. Hill, who maintained rigid discipline and was very thorough in her instruction. The scholars were not allowed to go over any more ground than they perfectly understood. The closing examination satisfied us that it had been a profitable and successful term. Length of term, 10 weeks; whole number of pupils, 47; average attendance, 39.

The Winter Term was taught by Mr. John B. Clough, who is a thorough scholar and an excellent teacher. Of his fidelity and thoroughness in imparting instruction we must speak in terms of praise. We have never attended a better examination in this district than was the closing one of this term. The whole day was occupied; thereby affording the committee an excellent opportunity to judge of the progress made. All classes appeared well; some of them remarkably so. Two classes in reading deserved much praise for their correctness. The classes in Grammar and National Arithmetic made an excellent appearance, and were entitled to much credit for their proficiency. Not an incorrect answer from any scholar in the latter class. The class in Algebra gave a good account of themselves.

Having gone through 86 pages of the text-book, they were able to answer correctly every question given them by the teacher and committee; also to solve and explain the most difficult problems. A class of six scholars—Roscoe Wallace, Alfred Sawyer, Arthur Lombard, Hattie Cate, Ida Tuttle and Carrie Hoyt—completed the Common School Arithmetic, and their prompt answers, and the ready and correct solutions of the most difficult problems of the work, was sufficient evidence of their thoroughness.

The examination closed by the two departments uniting in a public exhibition in Lyceum Hall in the evening of the following day. The exercises, consisting of compositions, recitations, declamations, tableaux and singing, were highly creditable to the teachers and scholars and very pleasing to a large and attentive audience.

We have spoken in former reports of the practice of some of the scholars, in the advanced department, “dodging” the examination. We were glad to notice that at this examination there were but two scholars absent who had not sent satisfactory excuses to the teacher. We hope these two have good excuses for being absent. The teacher reports one of these as one of his good scholars; consequently we infer that he was absent from necessity, and not from choice.

Length of term, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 65; average attendance, 56.

The whole number of scholars attending school in the district during the year,	206
Average attendance,	121
Number in district not attending school,	53

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Making the whole number of scholars, 259

It was the intention of the committee to have the names of all scholars who had been neither absent nor tardy printed in this report, but for want of space we are obliged to omit it.



In closing this report we feel it our duty to speak of somethings of a more general character.

While we acknowledge that the general advancement of our schools during the past year has been as great as in any previous year, we are obliged to confess that the highest degree of usefulness is far from being attained. We believe that parents in this village have it in their power to do much to elevate and improve the standard of the schools. By judicious management at home; by showing their children that the teachers have their respect and confidence; by refusing to listen to trivial complaints; by sustaining the teachers and committee in the enforcement of all reasonable rules and requirements; by taking care that their children are constant and punctual in their attendance at school, and by frequent friendly visits to the schools, they may do much to animate and encourage the teacher, and contribute in no small degree to the success of the school. At best the situation of the teacher is both delicate and arduous. He is to fill the expanding mind with needed stores of wisdom; to direct the taste and to govern the moral sentiment. He is to restrain the over-forward; to spur on the laggard, to repress petulance and all evil passions; to cheer and encourage all virtues. Of course, difficult cases will some times occur in the management of the school. The teacher needs kind sympathy instead of anger and ill-advised interference on the part of parents. If parents think children are abused by the teacher—a thing that *may* occur, but we believe *very rarely*—will it help the child or the school for the father to threaten to *flog the teacher*, or to raise a commotion in the district or the school-room? On the contrary, is it not much better to appeal privately and kindly to the teacher, and if that fails, then to the committee?

Parents should remember that our schools are public institutions, and when they send their children there as scholars, they have no right to interfere with the teacher, and dictate to him, or the committee, what books they shall read in, or how many lines they shall get for a lesson. Scholars sometimes consider themselves better judges as to their capacity to enter a certain class, or to attend to a particular branch of study than the teacher; and when they are assigned to a particular class, they consider it an infringement on their fancied rights, and the assignment far too low a grade for them, and *positively decline* to obey.

What is to be done? Why, of course, the scholars complain to their parents, who sometimes, instead of sending them back to school, impressed with the idea that the teacher is the proper judge in the matter, unite with them in calling the teacher a fool, and unfit for the position he occupies. The teacher perhaps, to avoid a contest, violates his conscience, sacrifices the best interests of the pupils and peace and prosperity of the school, on account of this injudicious interference on the part of the parents.

Would parents make frequent and friendly visits to the schools and learn from personal observation the character and modes of discipline and instruction pursued in them; would they but take pains to become personally acquainted with the teachers, and find how ready they usually are to labor for the good of their scholars; would they consider how trying their task is at best, we should hear but little fault finding in regard to punishments inflicted in our schools.

ALEXIS PROCTOR, } *Superintending School*  
N. H. JORN, } *Com. of District No. 10.*

*District No. 11.* The summer and winter terms of school were under the instruction of Miss Emma R. Kelley. The teacher reports these schools "for the most part pleasant, and that she had striven for the best interests of the school." This was her beginning at school teaching. Her success was fully equal to beginners generally. Progress was distinctly noticeable at the close of each term.

*District No. 12.* Summer Term. Miss Emma A. Ford, teacher. This young lady was without experience in this business. She received her education at the Concord High School. Upon the whole, she did quite as well as beginners generally. Her scholars made fair progress in their studies.

Winter Term—Miss Nellie L. Allds, teacher. This was one of the most pleasant and successful terms of school in town. The teacher easily preserved good order, because she at once gained the good will of her scholars. Every class was well taught. The elementary principles were not overlooked. Higher principles were simplified and explained so the learner could comprehend. In a word, Miss Allds well understood her business and carefully performed it. It is hoped she will be further employed in our town. The closing examination was fully attended by parents and friends. All the classes recited well, showing good progress.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. SIMONDS, } *Town School Com-*  
ALEXIS PROCTOR, } *mittee of Franklin.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of districts,	Summer and winter.	Money.	Length of weeks.	Number of scholars.	Average.	Between 4 and 14 years of age.	Between 15 and 19 years of age.	Between 20 and 24 years of age.	Write.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	Other studies.	Cases tardiness.	Dismissed.	No. visitors.
1	Summer.	\$208.92	13	17	12½	1	15	15	15	15	10			26	55	17
	Winter.		13	33	27		33	15	27	21	10			150	42	12
2	Summer.	110.88	8	7	5½		7	2	7	4	1		3	8	8	5
	Winter.		8	18	14		18	9	13	5	2			13	5	8
3	Prim. School, S.	756.01	12	53	45	4	53	13	29	22				19	10	65
	Winter.		19	55	48	10	55	18	37	19				146	9	29
	Inter. School, S.		28	45	32		45	45	45	40	14			20	10	110
	Winter.															
	High School, S.															
	Winter.		24	41	32		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
4	Summer.	125.00	12	17	13		17	6	10	6	3		4	6	2	30
	Winter.		12	20	12½		20	11	14	10	4			13	2	22
5	Summer.	130.00	8	6	4	1	6	5	5	3			1	6	2	18
	Winter.		13	9	6		9	9	9	4	2		2			6
6	Summer.	104.00	8	20	16		20	19	18	15	6			15		36
	Winter.		12	23	14		22	22	22	12	13			105	34	8
7	Summer.	70.00	5	5	5		5		2							
8	Summer.	108.63	8	16	14		16	16	13	8	6		10	16	11	18
	Winter.		8	23	21		23	23	19	9	10		13	23	5	14
9	Summer.	68.00	10	13	11	4	13	13	9	6	2		8	20	1	18
10	Prim. School, S.	886.80	18	54	36	53	54		10	6				47	4	8
	Inter. School, S.		18	47	41		47	24	31	17	7			13	56	45
	Winter.		12	61	42		61	36	46	33				45	38	14
	Adv. School, S.		18	51	45		51	43	51	40	25		25	48	35	38
	Winter.		12	65	56		65	50	65	41	41		28	211	30	20
11	Summer.	108.62	12	15	9		15	6	11	6	6		5	5	8	21
	Winter.		8	9	8		9	7	9	6	4			6		21
12	Summer.	71.78	12	11	9½		11	9	10	7	2			26	3	19
	Winter.		11	14	12		14	12	13	9	4		1	20		25

\* No report received.





